

F-1-213  
Snouffer-Allnutt House  
Tuscarora vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1890

The Snouffer-Allnutt House is a two-story, five-bay frame house with german siding and a full-width one-story porch and a two-story rear wing. Although the house has been altered, principally on the rear wing, where the upper level of the east elevation porch has been partially enclosed and the first story has been completely enclosed. The windows were probably 2/2 in the original form, but now are 1/1 with louvred shutters. Once the center of a small farmstead with a barn and other outbuildings, the house was possibly built about 1890 as a tenant house on the Archibald T. Snouffer property. The accompanying barn and many of the other outbuildings are no longer standing, although there are several frame and concrete block buildings located east and north of the house, including a terra cotta block silo base. The house is a fair example of the German-influenced vernacular dwelling found throughout the County from the late 1700's to the early 1920's.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Crederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Snouffer-Allnutt House

and/or common Overlook Farm

### 2. Location

street & number 912 Greenfield Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Tuscarora ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Brawner Building, Inc.

street &amp; number 888 17th Street N.W. telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D.C. 20006 state and zip code

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 804

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 75

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-1-213

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Snouffer-Allnutt House is a two-story frame dwelling built about 1890-1900 on the north side of Greenfield Road about 1/4 mile north of Dickerson Road near Tuscarora, Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation of the structure faces south, with a full-width one-story porch. A two-story wing which has been considerably altered extends from the northwest corner of the house. The house has a number of non-contributing sheds, a terra cotta silo base, and other small outbuildings to the east and north. The date of the building was estimated from architectural details; however, Mr. John Narusiewicz, the current resident believes the date is about 1920. The earlier date seems to correspond with the visible fieldstone foundation of the house, which by 1920, would have been more likely to have been concrete block. Further research and interior examination may clarify the date.

The dwelling has a five-bay south elevation with a center entrance. The door has a glazed upper panel. The one-story porch has a concrete block base and deck, but the main foundation is fieldstone. The columns of the porch are Tuscan order, a commonly used porch feature in the early 20th century. The exterior is covered with german siding and the windows are 1/1 with louvred shutters. The roof is standing seam metal, with interior end chimneys. The west elevation has two bays on the west gable end and an off-center 2/2 attic window. The east elevation has a single off-center bay on each story. The rear wing probably had a two-story open porch on the east side, but it has been altered with a partial enclosure on the second level and the full enclosure of the first story. An extended shed roof overhanging the first story also shelters a modern concrete patio. On the north end of the wing is a third interior chimney. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Ca. 1890

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Snouffer-Allnutt House is minimally significant in architecture for its vernacular style, being a commonly found example of the late 19th century five-bay house with a perpendicular rear wing. This general plan was based on German building types beginning in Frederick County in the mid-18th century and used with refinements in details, decoration, and materials well into the 20th century. The Snouffer-Allnutt House retains its original german siding, where most buildings of the same period have modern artificial siding. The house was possibly built as a tenant farmer's residence on the large Archibald T. Snouffer property about 1890. The Snouffer family retained the property until 1909, when John H. Allnutt purchased it. The deed transaction refers to the farm as the "Retreat Farm" cited in Archibald Snouffer's will. This implies that a dwelling may have existed at the time of Snouffer's death, about 1901. John H. Allnutt may also have had the house built, although he died in 1916, after which his heirs sold it to Harry Dronenburg. If the date of the house can be confirmed as about 1920, as the current resident Mr. Narusiewicz states, Dronenburg was the likely builder. He retained the property until 1934 when the property was sold by the Sheriff to the Citizens National Bank to pay Dronenburg's outstanding debts.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-213

Land Records of Frederick County

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acreQuadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.-Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 1 acre centered on the frame dwelling on Tax Map 109, Parcel 74

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date August 1993street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
814-7600

912 Greenfield Rd. M109 P 74

Lot Size, Description,  
Other Information,  
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Cost	Miscellaneous
804/75 21 Apr 69	Brauner Bldg. Inc.	Margaret B. & John F. Brauner	can't locate this plat	Plat Book 5/181 "Greenfield's" "parcel shown as Exception"
722/36 8 Apr 65	Margaret B. Brauner	Richard A. Burton	parts of "Greenfield's", "Resurvey on Jeddburgh Forest", "Jeddburgh Forest Resurveyed"	
			221.7679. + 5.19629.	
722/34 8 Apr 65	Richard A. Burton	George W. Jr. & Helen Belle Harman	5.19629	
722/30 8 Apr 65	Richard A. Burton	George W. Jr. & Helen Belle Harman		442/10 452/430 308/506
452/430 12 Dec 45	George W. Harman H. et ux	Russell Z. & Virginia T. Harman	220 A. near Forest Grove Schoolhouse	
442/10 12 Apr 44	George W. Harman H. et ux & Russell Z. Harman et ux	George W. & Mary E. Harman	220 A.	
441/252 1 Feb 44	George W. & Mary E. Harman	Dra E. Burrier et al		
441/114 6 Oct 42	Dra E. Burrier	Citizens Nat'l. Bank of Frederick		
395/118 30 June 34	Citizens Nat'l Bank	Charles W. Crum, Sheriff of Fred. Co.	220 A. 3 writs of fieri facias # 14, 15, 16 issued by Circuit Court in May 1934 term in Citizens Nat'l Bank vs. Harry A. Dronenberg et al	

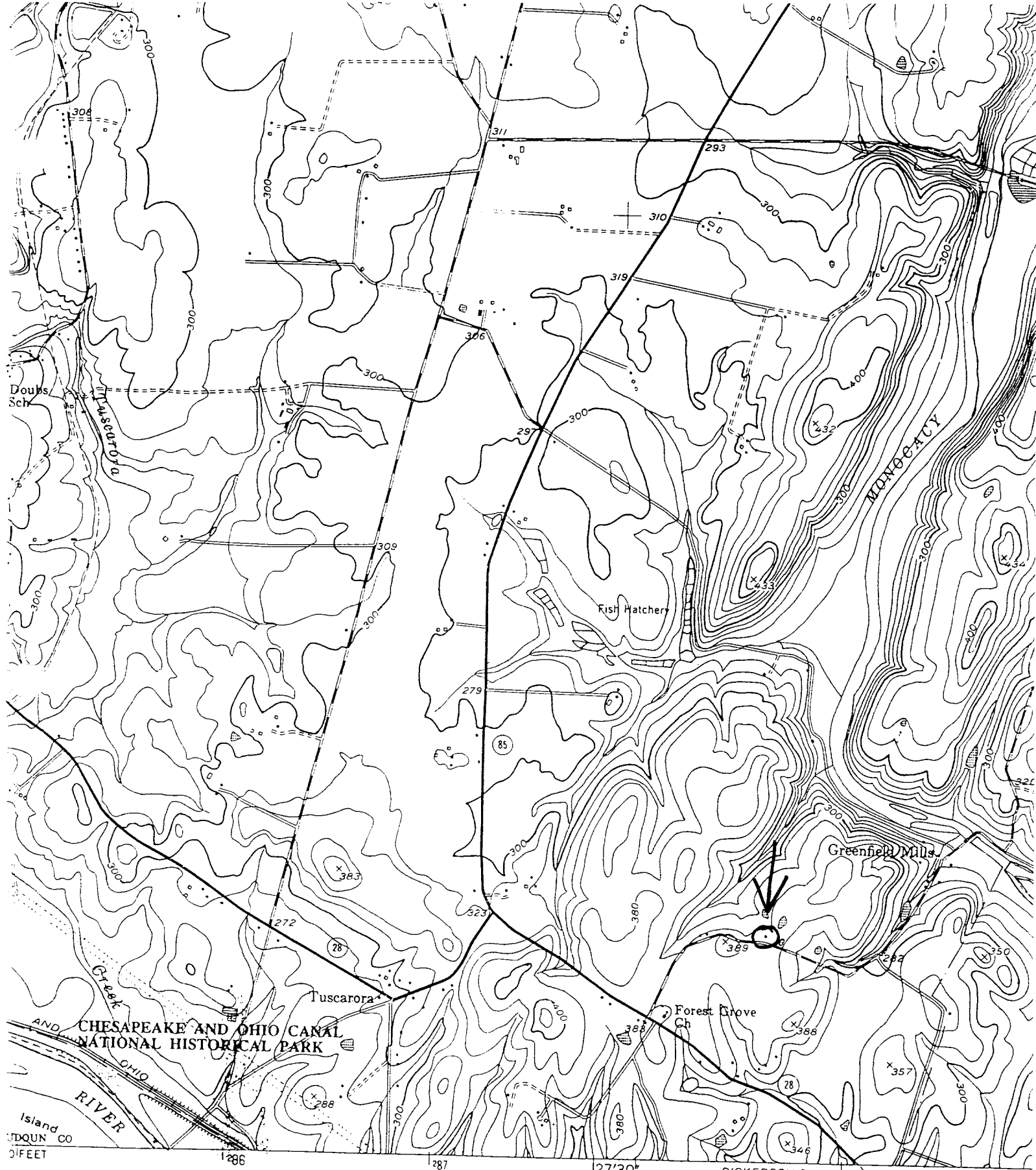
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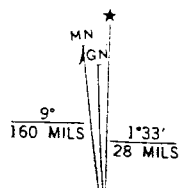
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 by the Geological Survey  
 NOAA, and Maryland Geodetic Survey  
 symmetric methods from aerial photographs  
 by the Geological Survey 1952  
 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Maryland



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Snoutler - Allnutt House

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South elevation

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North east corner view

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